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A WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING THE INTEGRATION OF THE HOMOSEXUAL INTO SOCIETY BY:

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2. Education of the public at large through acceptance first of the individual, leading to an eventual breakdown of erroneous taboos and prejudices; through public discussion meetings aforementioned; through dissemination of educational literature on the homosexual theme.

3. Participation in research projects by duly authorized and responsible psychologists, sociologists and other such experts directed towards further knowledge of the homosexual.

4. Investigation of the penal code as it pertains to the homosexual, proposal of changes to provide an equitable handling of cases involving this minority group, and promotion of these changes through due process of law in the state legislatures.

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DOB CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

MUCH ENTHUSIASM HAS BEEN EXPRESSED IN LETTERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ABOUT THE FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS TO BE HELD MAY 27 - 30, 1960, IN THE VISTA ROOM OF THE WHITCOMB HOTEL IN SAN FRANCISCO.

SPEAKERS WHO HAVE CONFIRMED TO DATE INCLUDE:

PANEL - "WHY THE LESBIAN?" - A DISCUSSION OF THE FACTORS INVOLVED."
DR. NORMAN REIDER, PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC OF MT. ZION HOSPITAL; DR. FRANK A. BEACH, PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; DR. LEO J. ZEFF, BERKELEY CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST.

"LEGAL PROBLEMS OF LESBIAN COUPLES" - KENNETH ZWERIN, DOB ATTORNEY.

"THE GAY BAR IN THE COURTS" - MORRIS LOWENTHAL, ATTORNEY.

AUTHORS' ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:
LISA BEN, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER OF THE FIRST LESBIAN PUBLICATION IN THE UNITED STATES; ARTEMIS SMITH, AUTHOR OF "ODD GIRL"; BILLIE BRUCE, WHO WITH MISS SMITH CO-AUTHORED "THE THIRD SEX".

OTHER EVENTS ARE STILL BEING PLANNED FOR THE PROGRAM ON SATURDAY, MAY 28. RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE IN ADVANCE. TOTAL COST FOR THE DAY'S SESSIONS WILL BE $12.50 (INCLUDING THE LUNCHEON AND BANQUET). A COCKTAIL HOUR WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE BANQUET.

ON FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 27, THERE WILL BE A RECEPTION FOR OUT OF TOWN GUESTS. SUNDAY WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE DOB BUSINESS MEETING AND A VISIT TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. SUNDAY EVENING AN INFORMAL DUTCH-TREAT DINNER AND PRIVATE GATHERING FOR DOB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WILL BE HELD AT A LOCAL GAY SPOT. ON MONDAY, MAY 30, THE SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER WILL PROVIDE A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST TO BE FOLLOWED BY A SIGHTSEEING TOUR FOR OUT-OF-TOWNERS.

A FULL PROGRAM IS PLANNED. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

One Institute

Homophile in the Community

By Sten Russell

The theme "The Homosexual in the Community" keynoted the Sixth Midwinter Institute sponsored by ONE, Inc., in Los Angeles January 28-31.

Following the address of welcome by James Kepner, Jr., chairman of ONE, Inc., serious business started with a panel discussion on the Institute's theme, moderated by Helen Sanders, former president of Daughters of Bilitis.

Participants were the Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles; Dr. Zoltan Gross, psychologist, Beverly Hills; David Miller, high school teacher, San Francisco, and Charles Rowland, personnel manager, Los Angeles. The paneleers gave their professional opinion and approach before engaging in cross-fire with each other.

Reverend Fritchman, 12 years a minister in a racially mixed and culturally diversified liberal church, felt that the responsibility of understanding and acceptance lay more with society than the homosexual. Doctor Gross, on the contrary, felt that it was more important for the homosexual to understand and accept himself and to side-step society's penalties by conforming outwardly. Miller, speaking from the point of view of the teaching profession, agreed with this. And so, in the main, did Rowland, who more or less confined himself to typical problems met by personnel managers who attempted to hire known or "obvious" homosexuals without prejudice.

Reverend Fritchman expressed regret that there were so few statistics on homosexuals as compared to other minorities. As a minister, he said that he wished to offer opportunities

to the homosexual to find dignity and value to the community on his or her merits as a human being. Several provocative quotes from Reverend Fritchman follow:

"We're all on the same planet, breathing the same fallout!"
"Any minority has in it those who like to smoke the marijuana of mysticism and fantasy."
"There's room for diversity on this planet."
"Being a minister I always preach my sermons to the wrong people---those who <u>come</u>!"

Rowland thought that while it was true there were homosexuals in all fields and phases of work, there was a concentration of them in personnel work and teaching because of their liking for people and ability to get along with others. (A surprising and non-typical observation.)

Miller spoke of the intense fear and prejudice against homosexuals in the teaching profession...that all administrators whom he contacted stated they would not hire a homosexual if they knew it, and all teachers he contacted felt the same way. However, he stated it actually and practically worked out that since there were so few good teachers available the homosexual who was a good teacher, led a discreet life and conformed outwardly in conduct and appearance, was in very little danger of losing his career.

Doctor Gross stated that he was a member of several minority groups; that there were avenues for constructive action open to all minority groups. He felt we have a very complex, intricate society which is "actually very liberal if you go down the right street," i.e.--conform outwardly. "Diversity opens the possibility of more and more creative contributions to society and homosexuality raises questions of morality, ethics, relationship of the individual to his society, his rights and his responsibilities," he said.

In the cross-fire, Reverend Fritchman asked Doctor Gross how the homosexual was going to break down heterosexual stereotypes and prejudice in the next 10 years. He was much more pessimistic than Doctor Gross, who felt the term "persecuted minority" was an over-simplification. "Many people don't persecute the homosexuals; the homosexual must accept his own worth and create his own society," he said.

Reverand Fritchman said there could be more effective interpersonal relationships in church but that he doubted the advisability of social groups devoted exclusively to the problem because the churches that had tried it had disappeared. He also doubted the advisability of preaching a sermon only on that theme, but was open to discussion on the matter

Rowland saw much improvement in the last 20 to 30 years but he saw danger of a sellout unless homosexuals allied themselves politically and socially with the progressive forces in our nation. He suggested that the trade unions and racial minorities were our natural allies.

Miller disagreed violently, in his own quiet way, that there were any such thing as "natural allies" for any minority group and said that Rowland's statement was so much "expanded nonsense." In all groups one could find his friends and his enemies. No group, "progressive" or otherwise would ever be likely to sanction homosexuality per se, he felt. In this regard, Miller spoke from the point of view of one of the Negro minority and as an individualist who only accepts and is accepted on an individualist basis.

Miss Sanders invited Dr. Evelyn Hooker to speak from the floor as she seemed to be very agitated on this point. Doctor Hooker agreed essentially with Miller and said that in her experience of trying to get "control subjects" for her research projects from "powerful" and "liberal" trade unions she had met with a blank "no". Not even unofficially were the trade unionists willing to help her with research on sexual matters, much less homosexual matters.

The rest of the audience participation consisted of questions passed up to the moderator. One provocative question came from a married lady who asked Doctor Gross how to raise the question of homosexuality and gain acceptance for homosexuals among her "normal" friends without raising hostility. Doctor Gross asked, "What's wrong with a <u>little</u> hostility?" A lot of hostility, he felt was very bad, but that a little was not only normal but good, for once weathering and tolerance on the part of the person she was trying to convince. Reverand Fritchman mentioned that he never let anti-semitic jokes pass without stepping on them and that in

the abrasion that followed he felt that much revision of thinking for the better occured.

ONE'S EDITORIAL POLICIES

At the luncheon, Eric Julber, ONE's attorney, spoke on "Community Standards and ONE Magazine's Editorial Policies." His speech was concise, witty and to the point.

Julber stated that he considered the most important thing was to keep the magazine in existence and out of trouble. However, he added, certain kinds of trouble were, in his opinion, worth inviting. He cited the Los Angeles Post Office case which he won successfully for ONE in the U. S. Supreme Court. This case for freedom of the homosexual press involved items much less frank than are normally found every day in magazines and newspapers giving the heterosexual point of view.

He next cited the "Joel Beck" story, which has not become a court case and which he doesn't expect shall; but scores of ONE's supporters were incensed and offended at its inclusion in the magazine. Eric spread his hands and shrugged, "I cannot be responsible for ONE's readers; I can only pass on that material which I believe to be printable, or worthy of print." All present laughed, including some who were incensed or offended by "Joel Beck".

Eric mentioned the "Pen Pals" problem and why his answer to ONE was always "no". This is a very difficult area to defend in court. It per se turns ONE into an introduction agency and casts doubt upon its high educational and scientific principles, as Eric proved with a roar of laughter from the audience on stating that these "pen pals" wished to write about the ballet, books, art and other "innocent" matters.

He then launched into the subject of what is safe and what is not. This is a difficult matter for anyone to know absolutely. In America there are so many different communities. For example there are the "Intellectual Community", the "Gay Community", the "Average American Community", the "Artistic Community", etc. All look at life differently and accept things which to the other groups are shock-

ing or immoral.

He cited the tragic case of Oscar Wilde, wherein two worlds collided. The differing standards of the differing worlds are very interesting, as is also the fact that a person from one of these worlds can be completely unaware of his affect on the other worlds. He mentioned the recent hilarious case of Eva Marie Saint's completely unnerving an audience of 600 by simply being true to her standards of bohemian honesty. Miss Saint was apparently unaware of any reason for the commotion she had caused when the story went through the newspapers of the world like an electric shock. What Eric wished us to understand was that when Bohemian World hits Square World or when Gay World hits Square World--Square World wins in the courts if it comes to a jury trial.

Eric ended with another hilarious, though basically serious, account of some of the problems of San Francisco Attorney Morris Lowenthal, with his fight for the rights of "gay bars."

In the afternoon, W. Dorr Legg, director of ONE Institute, gave his excellent and challenging paper, "Normative Factors and Cultural Determinants in the Dynamics of Homosexual Pairing." Translating wildly, this means: "Like, How Come Most of Us Don't Make Out With Our Buddies Longer Than a Year or So?" We expect to see this paper published in "ONE's Quarterly of Homophile Studies" shortly.

DR. HOOKER SPEAKS

Dr. Evelyn Hooker from the Department of Psychology at the University of California at Los Angeles, then presented her unique and valuable research paper: "Value Conflicts and Value Congruence of a Homosexual Group in Heterosexual Society." Translated liberally, this means: "Wherein one homosexual group held violently different values and wherein it held the same or similar values as the surrounding heterosexual society." The theme of the Institute was taken from Doctor Hooker's paper, which was originally done for the Symposium at the American Psychological Association last Fall. (See page 10.)

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Summary of Paper

By Evelyn Hooker, PhD.

Value-Conflict and Value-Congruence of a Homosexual Group in a Heterosexual Society. (First read at the American Psychological Association meeting in Cincinnati, September 1959; also read at ONE Institute January 1960.)

Within the picture of general congruence with the values of the dominant culture, there are many contradictions. The homosexual who verbalizes his longing for an enduring personal relationship, or even who has one, may frequent "gay" baths or bars, or streets or parks, in search of new conquests for the night. It is a search motivated less by sexual desire than by a wish for danger and excitement. There is much here that resembles the "cat culture" of the drug addicts, as described in the New York and Chicago reports. "The 'kick', defined by Finestone as 'any act tabooed by "squares" that heightens and intensifies the present moment of experience and differentiates it as much as possible from the humdrum routine of daily life'" is central to homosexual culture, too - except that it always involves sexuality.

Miller's characterization of lower-class culture is appropriate for homosexual culture: "For many lower-class individuals, the rhythm of life fluctuates between periods of relatively routine or repetitive activity and sought situations of great emotional stimulation. Many of the most characteristic features of lower-class life are related to the search for excitement or 'thrill'."

Youth culture, lower-class culture, in its emphasis on danger, excitement, thrill, and on masculinity; upper-middle intellectual, in its emphasis on esthetic values; and, with all of this, the verbalization of middle-class sexual values of monogamous, romantic love-attachments: many kinds of cultural value-conflict are evident in the homosexual sub-culture. It is a hybrid of many diverse strains. One factor which may contribute to this is the comparative lack of class or ethnic segregation in homosexual groups. Articulate and sophisticated homosexuals often speak of

THESE AS "THE MOST DEMOCRATIC OF SOCIETIES". ONE ASPECT OF THIS IS THE GREATER SOCIAL MOBILITY OF THE HOMOSEXUAL, TO WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY REFERRED.

IN SUMMARY, WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO SHOW THAT:

(1) A DEVIANT GROUP SUCH AS THE HOMOSEXUAL, ALTHOUGH SHARING MANY CHARACTERISTICS OF MINORITY GROUPS, DIFFERS IN THE GENERALIZED STIGMA OF IMMORALITY WHICH SOCIETY BESTOWS UPON IT.

(2) IN VIEW OF THIS STIGMA, CONSCIOUS IDENTIFICATION WITH THE GROUP IS DIFFICULT, AND VARIES FROM COMPLETE AND FULL ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP AND THE ELABORATION OF A "HOMOSEXUAL ROLE" (SECONDARY DEVIATION) TO TOTAL REJECTION (PRIMARY DEVIATION).

(3) SINCE MOTIVATION TO DEVIANCE IS ALWAYS AMBIVALENT, INVOLVING BOTH ALIENATIVE AND CONFORMATIVE NEEDS, AND STIGMATIZED PEOPLE ARE OFTEN OF THE SAME CULTURE AS THOSE WHO STIGMATIZE THEM, THE VALUES OF A DEVIANT GROUP CAN BE EXPECTED, IN PART, TO BE CONGRUENT WITH THOSE OF THE PARENT CULTURE, BUT CAN ALSO BE EXPECTED TO SHOW DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CONCEIVED AND OPERATIVE LEVELS.

(4) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CHOICE OF SEXUAL OBJECT, MOST HOMOSEXUAL CONCEIVED VALUES ARE CONGRUENT WITH, RATHER THAN IN CONFLICT WITH, THOSE OF THE DOMINANT CULTURE.

(5) CONFLICTS BETWEEN VALUES IN THE HOMOSEXUAL WORLD REFLECT CULTURAL VALUE-CONFLICTS BETWEEN SUB-GROUPS IN HETEROSEXUAL SOCIETY, AS WELL AS DIVERGENCES BETWEEN OPERATIVE AND CONCEIVED VALUES.

"THE TRAGEDY OF OUR DAY IS THE CLIMATE OF FEAR IN WHICH WE LIVE, AND FEAR BREEDS REPRESSION.

"THE CHALLENGE TO ALL OF US IS TO PROVE THAT A FREE SOCIETY CAN REMAIN FREE, HUMANE AND CREATIVE, EVEN WHEN IT IS UNDER HEAVY AND RUTHLESS FIRE; THAT IT CAN COMBAT POVERTY, INJUSTICE AND INTOLERANCE IN ITS MIDST - AND THAT IT CAN GIVE MAN A GLIMPSE OF SERENITY AND HOPE." - ADLAI STEVENSON

Pipe Dream

BY JACQUELINE LAWSON

JIMMIE STOOD SQUARE IN FRONT OF THE GLASS AND MINUTELY INSPECTED HER SPLENDID IMAGE. SHE SAW SHINY BLACK SHOES, KNIFE-CREASED PANTS, A NARROW LEATHER AND SILVER BELT, AND A NEAT WHITE SHIRT WITH A COLORFUL INSERT DOWN THE FRONT THAT, AT A QUICK GLANCE, ALMOST RESEMBLED A TIE. SHE KNEW SHE LOOKED HER BEST, BUT SHE CERTAINLY DIDN'T FEEL IT. SUNDAY NIGHT AT THE ONION ALWAYS LEFT HER PRETTY MUCH OF A RAG. ENDLESSLY SHE WAITED ON GIRLS WHO CAME EARLY AND STAYED LATE. SMOKE FROM A MILLION CIGARETTES STUNG HER EYES AND ABRADED HER THROAT. SHE WAS KEPT RUNNING, ALWAYS RUNNING TO DO THE BIDDING OF GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS. WHAT A WAY TO BUTTER HER DAILY BREAD. SHE MADE A FACE AT HERSELF IN THE MIRROR AND TURNED AWAY TO GET HER COAT. WHAT SHE WOULDN'T GIVE FOR A DREAM JOB IN A QUIET AND PEACEFUL PLACE, AS FAR REMOVED FROM A NIGHTCLUB AS POSSIBLE. SHE WAS SICK OF THE ENDLESS SEARCHING; THERE MUST BE A PLACE FOR HER SOMEWHERE. WHY COULDN'T SHE CAST LOOSE FROM THE EVERLASTING ONION?

ONE GOOD THING ABOUT THE ONION THOUGH, WAS BEING ABLE TO DRESS COMFORTABLY. SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO WEAR STOCKINGS OR HEELS OR PAINT HER FACE WITH GOO. HOW SHE HATED DOING THAT! LONG AGO SHE HAD DETERMINED NEVER TO GO WHERE FEMININE FRIPPERIES WERE PART OF A JOB REQUIREMENT. STICKING TO THE RULE HAD KEPT HER IN THE LOWER INCOME BRACKETS, BUT SHE HAD BEEN TRUE TO HERSELF, WHICH MATTERED MOST. SHE HAD HAD SEVERAL SHORT-LIVED JOBS, FROM EACH OF WHICH SHE HAD SCOOTED BACK TO THE ONION FOR REFUGE. BUT IT WASN'T SO BAD, REALLY. SHE HAD BEEN THANKFUL FOR GAY CLUBS TOO OFTEN BEFORE TO DESPISE THEM ALTOGETHER. GETTING A TOEHOLD IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD WAS DIFFICULT ON YOUR OWN TERMS. THIS LESSON SHE HAD LEARNED WELL; SHE HAD BRUISED TOES TO PROVE IT. AND NOW SHE WAS TRYING ONCE MORE. SHE HAD SEEN A "MESSENGER WANTED" SIGN ON A FIFTH AVENUE FLORIST SHOP AND HER HEART HAD DARED TO GIVE A LITTLE LEAP OF ANTICIPATION. HERE WAS ANOTHER CHANCE! SHE HAD RESOLVED TO SACRIFICE NEEDED SLEEP AND PRESENT HERSELF FIRST THING ON MONDAY.

SATISFIED THAT SHE COULD MAKE NO FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN HER APPEARANCE, SHE BUTTONED HER WALLET INTO HER BACK POCKET AND WENT QUICKLY OUT THE DOOR OF HER SMALL APARTMENT. STRIDING ALONG THE STREET IN THE CRISP WINTER AIR, JIMMIE IMAGINED HERSELF AMONG FLOWERS AND

FERNS IN A COOL GREEN ROOM FILLED WITH THE SCENT OF FORESTS AND FIELDS. SHE SAW HERSELF SPEEDING IN AND OUT, TAKING ROSES TO PALE MAIDENS, GLADIOLI TO SICK OLD LADIES IN MANSIONS, FLOWERY SECRET MESSAGES TO HANDSOME YOUNG MEN. WHAT FUN! AND SHE'D BE PAID FOR IT TOO. SHE WAS SMILING AS SHE WALKED INTO THE SHOP AND WENT UP TO THE TALL YOUNG CLERK BEHIND THE COUNTER.

"YES MA'AM?" SAID HER POSSIBLE FUTURE CO-WORKER PLEASANTLY.

"YOU HAVE AN AD FOR A MESSENGER --" SHE BEGAN.

"YES. DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE?" HE SMILED ENCOURAGINGLY.

"WELL, I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE JOB MYSELF." JIMMIE STOOD TALL AND LOOKED EFFICIENT.

THE YOUNG MAN LOOKED AT HER WITH MORE INTEREST. "OH." HE HESITATED. "I'M NOT SURE . . . I MEAN - JUST A MOMENT, PLEASE." HE TURNED ON HIS HEEL AND DISAPPEARED BEHIND A CURTAIN.

JIMMIE LOOKED AT THE COLORFUL FLOWERS ENTHRONED IN TIERS BEHIND WIDE GLASS DOORS. THERE WERE HUGE GREEN PLANTS GROUPED AROUND THE ROOM, MAKING IT LOOK LIKE AN INDOOR JUNGLE WHERE MONKEYS SLEPT OUT OF SIGHT. SHE COULD HEAR STEAM HISSING SOMEWHERE AND THOUGHT OF A SNAKE TWISTING HIS WAY THROUGH THE UNDERGROWTH. THE CURTAIN MOVED SLIGHTLY. THE HUNTER --

OH NO, IT WAS JUST THE YOUNG MAN COMING BACK. SHE COLLECTED HER THOUGHTS AND WAITED FOR HIM TO TELL HER THE GOOD NEWS.

"I'M AFRAID, MISS - AH - THAT YOU WOULDN'T BE QUITE SUITABLE. YOU SEE, BEING ON FIFTH AVENUE - WELL, WE DO HAVE TO BE RATHER - THAT IS, A GIRL ISN'T EXACTLY - UM - DO YOU THINK?" HE LOOKED AROUND THE ROOM. "YOU DO KNOW WHAT I MEAN, DON'T YOU?" HE GAVE HER A PLEADING GLANCE AND LOOKED AWAY AGAIN.

JIMMIE'S HOPEFUL SPIRITS DROPPED LIKE A STONE INTO A POOL. "OH," SHE SAID, WORLDS OF DISAPPOINTMENT IN HER FACE. "I SEE." SHE TURNED AWAY FROM THE COUNTER AND WENT SLOWLY TO THE DOOR.

"I'M SORRY." SHE HEARD THE SMALL APOLOGETIC VOICE VAGUELY AS SHE OPENED THE DOOR AND LEFT PARADISE BEHIND.

mood miscellanea

SAPPHO

SHE WAS BEAUTY
AND ALL THAT IS BEAUTY WAS IN HER.
HER NAME MEANT LOVE ON THE ISLE OF LESBOS.
BUT SHE WAS HAUGHTY
AND NONE WHO WOOED COULD WIN HER
THOUGH MAIDENS WHO LOVED HER WEPT ON THE ISLE OF LESBOS.

- JAN FRASER

REVERSAL

RUNNING, CHASING,
WITH A FRANTIC DASH -
STUMBLING, FALLING,
UP AGAIN.
I, THE LOVING
MUST PURSUE,
ALL THROUGH LIFE,
NOW IT'S YOU.

- AUDREY KERN

UNANSWERED

HANDS, TAUT WITH LONGING,
THAT REACH, AND TOUCH,
FINALLY,
THE NUMB COLD OF MARBLE,
MAY WAIT, DUMBLY,
FOR THE DEADLY SYMPATHY
OF FLAME -
OR CURL, SECRET,
HIDING THEIR EMPTINESS.

- AGATHA MATHYS

PROPHECY

BY J. R. G.

I WOULD HAVE
NO NEED OF
SHELTER
FROM
UNHAPPINESS...
NOT FOR ME
TO FEAR
THE WIND
OR RAINS
THAT FALL
UPON MY
CHEEK,
FOR I
HAVE HAD
YOUR BREATH
UPON ME,
YOUR TEARS
ARE NOT
THE RAIN
I SEEK...

I WOULD HAVE
NO NEED OF
COMFORT
IN MY
LONELINESS...
FOR I WOULD
NEED
NO LESSER
LOVE
TO TRY
TO FILL
YOUR PLACE,
THE TOUCH
OF ANY
ONE
BUT YOU
WOULD BE
MY LOVE'S
DISGRACE...

I WOULD HAVE
NO NEED OF
OTHER
DREAMS OR
TENDERNESS...
BECAUSE YOU
GIVE ME
MORE
EACH TIME
THAN EVEN
YOU
CAN GUESS,
AND I
WOULD HAVE
THESE THOUGHTS
OF YOU
TO EASE
MY
EMPTINESS...

ONE INSTITUTE -
THE HOMOPHILE IN THE COMMUNITY

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The following are random notes by this reporter on points of interest in Doctor Hooker's talk:

Problems met in research on the topic -1- Racial minority groups versus deviant minority groups. The kind of stigma attached in somehow seen as a tribal stigma as opposed to a concept of "moral decay" in the case of sexually deviant groups. 2- Operative vs. conceived values. Those values one apparently lives by as opposed to the values one says he lives by. 3- Essential agreement between heterosexual and homosexual values in all phases of life except that of sexual mores. On the first problem society sees homosexuality as either "immorality", which means it should be punished, or as an "illness", which means that it is subject to cure.

The conflict and the congruence - The sub-group of homosexuals and heterosexuals tested was white, Protestant and bourgeoisie. The only real conflict found was in the sexual area. Values relating to masulinity, esthetics, politics and religion were not found to be significantly different for the two groups. There was also found among the homosexual group a great value placed on youth. The "auntie" is held in fear, contempt and pity. There is, however, also a great value placed on youth by heterosexual society.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Three discussion groups were held concurrently, then the group leaders gathered with Doctor Hooker and W. Dorr Legg to summarize the findings.

Discussion groups were:

A. Regulated Homophile Mating--Key to Social Approval?
The group opinion appeared to be that no legal status should be set up by church or law, nor was it felt that social approval would be obtained even if this were attempted.

B. Coming to Terms with Current Social Values. It was generally felt that the problem was one of coming to terms with "self" and that if that were done the rest would follow naturally.

C. Is There a Place for Homophiles in Community Life? It was conceded that since many homophiles hold important positions of trust in the community there is obviously "a place" for them. The real question was whether the homophile would be permitted to serve in the community, in professional and public life, if his or her sexual proclivities were known. The group took a dim view that we'd ever see the day!

At the banquet that evening Dr. Blanche M. Baker, San Francisco psychiatrist, was introduced. She made an impressive appearance in a flowing white gown. This courageous spirit, who attends the Institutes despite serious physical difficulties, kept the audience in paroxysms of laughter as she told an earthy story of some of the strange hazards of jet travel at high altitudes.

Following his introduction, Kenneth Zwerin, attorney for the Daughters of Bilitis, sizzling because there had been no verbal audience participation permitted after the morning panel discussion, attacked the audience with the statement, "You are too smug!" He was referring to an impression he had gotten that the people present considered themselves better than the average "swish character" he had to defend in court for alleged homosexual acts. After this he paradoxically went on to say he failed to see where the homosexual minority had anything in common with any other minority group, racial or otherwise. This rather knocked the props from under the main speaker of the evening, Dr. Eason Monroe, representative of the American Civil Liberties Union, who expected to show that the homosexual, in order to protect his own civil rights, must be concerned for the civil liberties of all citizens.

Doctor Monroe gave the history of the ACLU in its forty-year attempt to defend the Constitution and the Bill of Rights against all who would interpret them for the protection of one minority group only. Doctor Monroe pointed out that in this country there is no majority, only groups of minorities.

He mentioned that the ACLU has defended both Communists and people like Gerald L. K. Smith in their right to free speech, free association, and the right to peaceably assemble. The ACLU is interested in the "Mrs. Duncan Case" regarding the right of the citizen to a fair trial with an impartial jury. They are interested in the "Caryl Chessman Case" from their point of view that the death penalty is "cruel and unusual punishment" in this supposedly enlightened age. The ACLU would like to see Capital Punishment abolished. The ACLU is interested in police brutality against citizens of minority groups. They have had at least 50 such cases in the last six months in Southern California. He gave frightening details of several cases the ACLU is helping the victims fight.

HOMOSEXUALS MUST JOIN OTHERS

Doctor Monroe closed on the note that he felt that unless the homosexual minority could relate its need for security to the kinds of security needed by other minorities under the Bill of Rights that it would not succeed in its fight.

After Doctor Monroe's speech the lovely Lisa Ben, who sings and plays the guitar, treated the audience to a group of original gay songs and parodies. Incidentally, several of Miss Ben's selections are soon to be recorded and released by DOB. Watch THE LADDER for information.

On Sunday, January 31 the female contingent had to choose between attending a discussion group led by Doctor Baker and visiting Forrest Ackerman's home to hear "3 Oboli to Aphrodite" and to see his vast library. We hear the visit was well worth it. I went to "Meet Doctor Baker" as it isn't often that she is in Los Angeles. The session was most rewarding.

Doctor Baker read a poem, "My Many Selves", and stated that we should all be aware of the depths within us...that one of the most intriguing things about homophiles and bisexuals was their capacity to be so many different persons, and not in a shallow schizophrenic way, either. The ideal person, she felt, was more an "ambivert"---one who is both extro and intro-vert.

She told the story of how she came to be interested in the problems of homosexuals and bisexuals. When she was 18 years

old and in college a Lesbian became attracted to her. She did not even know what a Lesbian was and went to her father for help. He gave her books by Havelock Ellis to broaden her acceptance and understanding of human nature. When her father died she inherited his fine library.

Doctor Baker feels that we need more specific information and better education on sexual matters for homophile and bisexual people...that their knowledge and difficult acceptance of their nature need not be the traumatic event that it usually is.

A mother present gave her first impressions of seeing a group of homosexual people gathered together, and stated how difficult this would be to discuss with her friends. A group discussion ensued as to why most people were afriad to talk about emotional problems, psychiatrists, etc. One member offered the opinion that most people were not trained to accept, understand and control their emotions.

HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE

Another long discussion ensued over the concept of "homosexual marriage" vs. "one night stands". One man was most insistent that there be no such thing as "homosexual marriage", that there be "comradeship", that the partners must be free and ready to release each other when one or both were ready for a new developement in their lives. He felt the same criticism could be leveled at heterosexual marriage and that "staying together for the children's sake" was bad for the children when the parents were constantly warring, openly or silently.

Another important discussion centered around the individual who is married and has children before he consciously recognizes that he has homosexual tendencies. If he loves his wife and children and his wife cannot accept his need for male attachments, the problems created can be agonizing for all concerned. If the wife can accept and the husband is also considerate and understanding, the problem can probably be worked out to the best interest of the family.

Most of those who attend the Institute every year felt that The Sixth Midwinter Institute was one of the Best ever!

LESBIANA

131. THE THIRD SEX BY ARTEMIS SMITH. BEACON BOOKS, 1959 (B268).

THE AUTHOR OF "ODD GIRL" (THE LADDER, JUNE 1959) HERE PRESENTS HER SECOND NOVEL ON LESBIANISM. VIEWS ON THE FIRST NOVEL WERE MIXED. I PERSONALLY LIKE IT AND FEEL IT A BETTER BOOK THAN "ODD GIRL".

IN SOME ASPECTS THE PLOT IS SIMILAR. JOAN, YOUNG SEMI-REPRESSED LESBIAN, IS SHOWN GOING THROUGH THE VARIOUS THROES OF ATTAINING LOVE AND MATURITY. HER VARIOUS ATTACHMENTS AND HER FINAL LOVE AFFAIR WITH ITS PROMISE OF PERMANENCE ARE EXCELLENTLY HANDLED. FAR MORE IMPORTANT TO THE STATURE OF THIS PAPERBACK ARE THE WELL DRAWN MINIATURE PORTRAITS OF VARIOUS MALE AND FEMALE HOMOSEXUALS. THERE IS A NICELY TOSSED AND LIGHTLY SEASONED SALAD OF CLEAR HOMOSEXUAL PHILOSOPHY INCLUDED WHICH SHOULD SERVE THE CAUSE WELL IN THE HANDS OF OUTSIDE READERS.

BLUNTLY, THIS REVIEWER HOPES ARTEMIS SMITH CAN BREAK AWAY FROM THE LIMITING ASPECTS THE PAPERBACK MARKET DEMANDS. DESPITE THE OBVIOUS SIGNS OF EDITORIAL BLUE PENCIL, THIS IS VERY WELL WRITTEN.

132. I WILL NOT SERVE BY EVALINE MAHYERE. E.P. DUTTON & CO., INC., 1959-60. 300 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK 10, N.Y., $3.00.

SYLVIE, AGE 17, PRECOCIOUS NON-CONFORMING DAUGHTER OF UPPER-MIDDLE CLASS FRENCH PARENTS, IS THE HEROINE OF THIS MOVING NOVEL. HER BRIEF LIFE HAS BEEN PUNCTUATED WITH TURMOIL, FIRST EXPELLED FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL, THEN FROM A CATHOLIC CONVENT OVER HER LOVE FOR A 25-YEAR-OLD NOVITIATE, JULIENNE. IN SPITE OF HER VOWS, JULIENNE LOVES SYLVIE IN RETURN, BUT SHE REFUSES TO GIVE UP HER CALLING. SYLVIE'S OLDER, BEATNIK-TYPE FRIEND, CLAUDE, SYMPATHETICALLY TRIES TO SAVE HER FROM HERSELF. WHEN HE CHIDES HER FOR NOT MARRYING AND

RAISING A FAMILY SHE REPLIES, "I'D RATHER GIVE BIRTH TO HERDS OF ELEPHANTS."

OVER AND OVER SYLVIE PLEADS WITH JULIENNE TO LEAVE THE CONVENT, AND EACH TIME JULIENNE TRIES FUTILELY TO EXPLAIN WHY SHE CANNOT. REJECTED FOR A FINAL TIME, AND REALIZING THERE WILL BE NO MORE HOPE, SYLVIE KILLS HERSELF. WHAT MAKES THIS NOVEL SO MOVING AND CONVINCING IS NOT ONLY THE EXCELLENT WRITING AND INTERESTING STORY BUT THE FACT THAT THE AUTHORESS DIED BY HER OWN HAND AFTER COMPLETING THE BOOK.

133. STRANGE ARE THE WAYS OF LOVE BY LESLEY EVANS. FAWCETT, 1959. (GOLD MEDAL.)

WE'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE. YOUNG GIRL GOES TO VILLAGE, MEETS GIRL, LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT. OUR HEROINE ALSO MEETS VILLAGE GUITAR-PLAYING MALE. LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT ON HIS PART. OUR TWO GIRLS HAVE LENGTHY LOVE AFFAIR (TWO DAYS) THEN OUR HEROINE GOES INTO ARMS OF GUITAR PLAYER.

134. CASE OF THE VILLAGE TRAMP BY JONATHAN CRAIG. FAWCETT, 1959. (GOLD MEDAL.)

YOUNG SEXY GAL FOUND DEAD WEARING NOTHING BUT A FAKE DIAMOND TIARA AND A CHASTITY BELT. LOTS OF MALE SUSPECTS AND TWO FEMALE SUSPECTS. A PAIR OF LESBIANS (FRIENDS, NOT LOVERS) HAVE BOTH BEEN CHASING THE GIRL. ONE OF THEM IS SUSPECT FOR A WHILE. IN SPITE OF HARD BOILED TALK, THE AUTHOR IS NOT VITUPERATIVE TOWARD THE LESBIANS. GOOD MYSTERY.

135. THE HOUSE IN THE MULBERRY TREE BY ZENA GARRETT. RANDOM HOUSE, 1959.

ALTHOUGH PSYCHIATRIC OPINION INSISTS THAT THE EMOTIONS OF PRE-TEENAGE CHILDREN DO NOT CONSTITUTE VARIANCE, STUDENTS OF VARIANT LITERATURE WILL ENJOY THIS NOVEL. LONELY, UNWANTED AND UNLOVED, 11-YEAR-OLD ELIZABETH HENDERSON'S LOVE AND DEVOTION FOR A MARRIED WOMAN WHO LIVES NEXT DOOR IS TOLD WITH GREAT COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING. HER CRUEL MOTHER SEES SOME INNOCENT CARESSES BETWEEN THE TWO AND FORBIDS THE GIRL TO SEE HER FRIEND AGAIN. THE ENDING GIVES SOME HOPE FOR THE CHILD'S FUTURE.

READER'S RESPOND

"THERE IS NOTHING WE WOULD LIKE BETTER THAN TO ATTEND THE SATURDAY LECTURES AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION - HOWEVER, CIRCUMSTANCES AT THIS END WILL ONLY PERMIT A LAST MINUTE DECISION, AND IF YOU'RE SOLD OUT WHEN THE TIME COMES WE MIGHT HOPE FOR STANDING ROOM PROVIDING IT IS ALLOWED."

M. G., CALIFORNIA

ALTHOUGH WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IN ADVANCE HOW MANY WILL BE ATTENDING THE CONVENTION, THERE WILL CERTAINLY BE ROOM FOR THOSE WHO SHOW UP ON THE DAY WITHOUT A PRIOR RESERVATION. IF YOU CAN LET US KNOW, EVEN A FEW DAYS AHEAD, PLEASE DO. IF YOU CAN'T, JUST SHOW UP AT THE WHITCOMB HOTEL. - ED.

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"I MUST ESPECIALLY THANK YOU FOR THE REVIEW OF THE RECORD, '3 OBOLI TO APHRODITE' IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE. THIS RELATIVELY RARE RECORD CAN BE OBTAINED FROM COLLECTOR'S RECORDS, #112, 550 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. COST IS $4.00 FOR THE 10" LP."

B. G., KANSAS

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"I HAVE JUST LEARNED OF YOUR ORGANIZATION AND WISH TO ADD MY ENCOURAGEMENT TO YOUR EFFORTS. I AM ENCLOSING $8.00 FOR ONE YEAR OF BACK ISSUES AND ONE YEAR OF FUTURE ISSUES OF YOUR PUBLICATION, THE LADDER. I CONSIDER THIS A GOOD STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION OF UNDERSTANDING AND COMMUNICATION."

V.M., NEW MEXICO

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"JUST FINISHED READING ABOUT THE CONVENTION PLANS IN THE FEBRUARY LADDER, AND THEY SOUND WONDERFUL.

"AM SO DISAPPOINTED THAT I WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTEND, PARTLY BECAUSE

I CAN'T GET AWAY FROM THE OFFICE AT THE END OF A MONTH. WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE SOMETHING TO HELP, SO AM ENCLOSING A CHECK FOR $25.00 TO BE USED IN ANY WAY DOB SEES FIT. WISH IT COULD BE MORE.

"I HOPE YOU WILL HAVE ALL THE LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS PRINTED UP SO THOSE OF US WHO ARE NOT LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE THERE WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH ALL THE NEWS."

M. H., ILLINOIS

IN KEEPING WITH THE LADDER'S POLICY OF REPORTING EVENTS OF INTEREST IN THE HOMOPHILE ORGANIZATIONS, A COMPLETE REPORT OF DOB'S CONVENTION WILL APPEAR, PROBABLY IN THE JULY ISSUE. - ED.

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"JUST A WORD OF THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL JOB DONE ON THE LADDER, IT'S A GREAT 'LIL BOOK. I HOPE IT GETS EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER. LOTS OF LUCK.

"WITH YOU AND YOURS BEHIND US 100%, IT SHOULDN'T BE TOO LONG BEFORE THE WHOLE WORLD WILL ACCEPT US FOR WHAT WE ARE AND REALIZE THAT WE ARE PART OF GOD'S PATTERN OF LIFE.

"IF MORE PEOPLE WOULD READ THE LADDER THEY WOULD BE MORE APT TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE ARE WHAT WE ARE AND WE ARE NOT QUEER, THAT'S FOR SURE. I PREFER TO BE CALLED ODD MYSELF, ALTHOUGH I DON'T FEEL AS THOUGH I WERE A MISFIT, FOR I PAY MY TAXES AND I VOTE, ALSO I WORK FOR MY CITY AND I SURE DON'T THINK OF THAT AS BEING QUEER."

SONNY

MORE PEOPLE WILL READ THE LADDER IF READERS WILL HELP. TAKE OUT A SUBSCRIPTION FOR YOUR MINISTER, LAWYER, DOCTOR, ETC. IT CAN BE SENT IN YOUR NAME OR ANONYMOUSLY. OR SEND US THE NAMES OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHO MIGHT BENEFIT FROM THE MAGAZINE. WE'LL SEND THREE SAMPLE COPIES FREE. - ED.

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"DEAR MISS CONRAD, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE DOB SURVEY PUBLISHED IN THE SEPTEMBER 1959

LADDER. WITHOUT INTENDING TO DETRACT FROM THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTION, I COULD CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO AN ITEM WHICH I BELIEVE TO BE IN ERROR.

"MY MAJOR DISAGREEMENT REFERS TO THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF 'BROTHERS AND SISTERS', PAGE 11, STARTING 'COMPARISON OF TOTAL...' THE SURVEY FIGURES ARE BIASED BY TWO MAJOR FACTORS AND A RELATIVELY MINOR ONE, AND THUS ARE NOT COMPARABLE TO CENSUS FIGURES. THESE BIASES INCLUDE:

"1. THE RESPONDENT IS NOT EQUALLY LIKELY TO BE MALE OR FEMALE; THUS 157 OF THE POPULATION ARE A BIASED SUB-POPULATION.

"2. OUR SURVEY OMITS COMPLETELY ALL-MALE FAMILIES, I.E. FAMILIES CONSISTING ENTIRELY OF BOYS (A VERY LEGITIMATE PART OF CENSUS POPULATION) ARE AUTOMATICALLY EXCLUDED FROM OUR TALLY.

"3. THERE IS SOME DEGREE (EXTENT UNKNOWN TO ME) OF SEX DOMINANCE IN FAMILIES, E.G. CANTOR'S SEVERAL GIRLS, CROSBY'S SEVERAL BOYS. THUS FEMALE RESPONDENTS TO ANY QUESTIONNAIRE WILL OVER-REPRESENT FEMALE DOMINANT FAMILIES.

"IGNORING FACTOR NO. 3, EXPECTATION RATES PROBABLY COULD BE CALCULATED FOR A SITUATION DESCRIBED BY FACTOR 1 AND 2. AS A ROUGH CHECK ON MY INTUITIONS I SAMPLED THE 11 GIRLS IN MY DEPARTMENT REGARDING THEIR SIBLINGS, ETC., AND THIS SMALL SAMPLE INDICATED A RATIO OF 33 BOYS/100 GIRLS IN THEIR FAMILIES."

M. G., NEW YORK

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"CONGRATS ON ANOTHER FINE ISSUE OF THE LADDER - SPECIAL THANKS TO GAIL WILLIAMS FOR HER PERSPECTIVE AND UNDERSTANDING IN HER COMPOSITION 'ANOTHER KIND OF LOVE'. (JANUARY, 1960.) WELL DONE!

"A NOTE OF INTEREST. WE PRESENTED A GIFT SUBSCRIPTION TO SOME FRIENDS IN SEATTLE. THEY SAY, IN PART, 'ALL OF OUR FRIENDS READ IT - A GREAT NUMBER OF THEM CAME BY DURING THE HOLIDAYS AND IT SEEMED THAT MOST OF THEIR TIME WAS SPENT WITH THEIR NOSE IN THAT BOOK.'"

S. M., CALIFORNIA

WE'RE ALWAYS GLAD TO HEAR PEOPLE ARE READING THE LADDER. BUT SOMETIMES WE WISH SUBSCRIBERS WEREN'T SO FREE WITH THEIR COPIES - AT LEAST NOT FOREVER! A $4.00 SUBSCRIPTION FROM THESE "FREE READERS" WOULD HELP US IMPROVE THE PRESENT PRODUCT. - ED.

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"THE 'PRINCE'S PREDICAMENT' BY NIK IN THE DECEMBER LADDER WAS CHIPPER - VERY CLEVER. REPEAT, VERY CLEVER. EXCELLENT IMAGINATION. WE WISH YOUR ISSUE WERE A WEEKLY 'STEAD OF A MONTHLY AND WE WISH YOU GREAT SUCCESS FOR THE FUTURE."

Y. A., CALIFORNIA

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"CONGRATULATIONS ON THE INTERESTING JANUARY ISSUE OF THE LADDER. WE WERE PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH GAIL WILLIAMS' STORY 'ANOTHER KIND OF LOVE'. NOT ONLY WAS IT WELL DONE, BUT IT EMPHASIZED THE TRUE BASIS OF A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP BEYOND MERE PHYSICAL ATTRACTION. WHILE MUTUAL PHYSICAL ENJOYMENT SHOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED TO BOG DOWN, SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING AND LOVE ARE THE MOST NECESSARY FACTORS FOR ANY LASTING RELATIONSHIP."

Z. N., CALIFORNIA

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"THANK YOU FOR THE LADDER. WE HAVE NEEDED SUCH A MAGAZINE FOR A LONG TIME. EVERY MONTH THE LADDER SEEMS TO IMPROVE. I THINK YOUR STORIES ARE GETTING BETTER AND BETTER. I ESPECIALLY LIKED 'LOVE IS A DANDELION' BY JAY WALLACE. (OCTOBER, 1959). I READ A RECENT LETTER CRITICIZING THIS CHARMING LITTLE STORY, AND I THINK THE PERSON WHO WROTE THIS LETTER MISSED THE POINT OF THE STORY. I HOPE YOU WILL GIVE US MORE STORIES BY MISS WALLACE."

R. H., NEW YORK

WE WILL. WE HAVE TWO ON HAND WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. - ED.

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Here and There

LUTON, ENGLAND - A psychologist advised the court a 16-year-old boy, accused of attempted rape and assault, is taking "a step in the right direction" since he had previously been found guilty of homosexual offences.

TORONTO, CANADA - For the first time in Canada two Lesbians were charged with "gross indecency according to a report in Justice Weekly, tabloid paper published in Toronto. Both girls pleaded not guilty.

Justice Weekly reports: "Sally the 'HE' said she had no record, while Marlene the 'SHE' admitted two previous convictions for prostitution. Sally is built on stocky lines, dark, with boyish haircut and wore white sweater and grey jeans, while Marlene is an attractive blonde with long fair hair and wore a black sweater with light blue jeans."

Under Canada's code, Section 149, the offence is punishable by imprisonment for five years.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA - The State Alcoholic Beverage Control Appeals Board reversed an order seeking to revoke the license of the Handlebar, accused of being a hang-out for homosexuals. Two weeks later a veteran S.F. police sergeant was arrested on suspicion of taking a "pay-off" from the owner of the Handlebar. Police caught the sergeant with $120 in marked bills. He denied the charge. Police Chief Tom Cahill said he was "shocked" by the case and intended to press charges.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA - DOB's forthcoming convention received its first publicity in Herb Caen's column in the San Francisco Chronicle recently, thus: "Russ Wolden, if nobody else, will be interested to learn that the Daughters of Bilitis will hold their nat'l convention here May 27-30. They're the female counterparts of the Mattachine Society - and one of the convention highlights will be an address by Atty. Morris Lowenthal titled 'The Gay Bar in the Courts.' Oh brother. I mean sister. Come to think of it, I don't know what I mean . . ."

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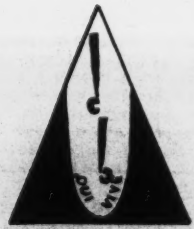
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